

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 29

Condemning the designation of Iraq as chair of the United Nations
Conference on Disarmament.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2003

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BURR, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. HERGER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. CANNON, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. CRANE, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning the designation of Iraq as chair of the United
Nations Conference on Disarmament.

Whereas Iraq was recently designated as chair of the United Nations Conference on Disarmament solely because of the alphabetical rotation system utilized by that body;

Whereas twelve years ago, Saddam Hussein agreed to disarm all weapons of mass destruction, yet for twelve years he has systematically violated that agreement in violation of international law;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council, in Resolution 1441 of November 8, 2002, gave Iraq a final opportunity

to comply with its disarmament obligations under relevant resolutions of the Security Council, yet Saddam Hussein has shown alarming contempt for that action of the United Nations Security Council;

Whereas the United Nations and intelligence sources of the United States have known for some time that Saddam Hussein has materials to produce chemical and biological weapons, but he has not accounted for them and refuses to do so;

Whereas these dangerous materials are sufficient to kill tens of millions of people and include__

- (1) 26,000 liters of anthrax;
- (2) 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin;
- (3) 500 tons of sarin, mustard, and VX nerve agents; and
- (4) almost 30,000 munitions capable of delivering chemical agents;

Whereas three Iraqi defectors in the late 1990s have exposed the fact that Saddam Hussein maintains several mobile biological weapons labs, which he has not disclosed;

Whereas the International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed in the 1990s that Saddam Hussein had an advanced nuclear weapons development program, a design for a nuclear weapon, and was working on methods of enriching uranium for a nuclear bomb;

Whereas Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa, according to the British Government, and has attempted to purchase high strength aluminum tubes suitable for nuclear weapons, yet he has not credibly explained these activities;

Whereas thousands of Iraqi security personnel are at work
hiding documents and materials from the United Nations
weapons inspectors;

Whereas Iraqi officials accompany all inspectors in order to
intimidate witnesses;

Whereas Iraq is blocking U-2 surveillance flights requested
by the United Nations;

Whereas it is widely known that Saddam Hussein has or-
dered that scientists who cooperate with the United Na-
tions be killed, along with their families; and

Whereas Saddam Hussein aids and protects terrorists, in-
cluding al-Qaida members, and could provide hidden
weapons of mass destruction to terrorists, or help them
develop their own such weapons: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) the Congress strongly condemns the des-
4 ignation of Iraq as chair of the United Nations Con-
5 ference on Disarmament and calls for the immediate
6 removal of Iraq as chair of the conference;

7 (2) Iraq's participation in this conference, let
8 alone its leadership, is incongruous with inter-
9 national law and conventions; and

10 (3) the Congress calls upon the President, the
11 Secretary of State, the Permanent Representative of
12 the United States to the United Nations, and other
13 appropriate United States Government officials to
14 block, boycott, or formally protest this designation of

- 1 Iraq as chair of the conference in the most stren-
- 2 uous manner within their power.

